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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO SOVIET-ISRAELI CONTACTS

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 26 PROMINENTLY PLAYS SOVIET-ISRAELI CONTACTS WITH SPECULATION THAT RESUMPTION OF SOVIET-ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS UNDER DISCUSSION.
2. CONCERNING "SECRET" TALKS BETWEEN GROMYKO AND ALLON, PAPERS POINT OUT THAT THIS ONLY SECOND TIME SINCE 1967 BREAK IN RELATIONS THAT GROMYKO HAS MET WITH SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL, CITING GROMYKO-ABBA EBAN MEETING IN 1974 DURING GENEVA CONFERENCE. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT MEETING ARRANGED BY ISRAELI FONMIN OFFICIAL CHAIM HERTZOG AND THAT RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOVIET UNION WAS DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO GROMYKO CALL AT UN FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. AKHBAR ALSO QUOTES ISRAELI SPOKESMAN IN JERUSALEM WHO COMMENTED THAT NO STATEMENT WOULD BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS, IN ORDER NOT TO HINDER PROGRESS OF TALKS.
3. AKHBAR ALSO CARRIES SMALLER FRONT PAGE ITEM WHICH STATES THAT ISRAELI DELEGATION CURRENTLY VISITING MOSCOW ON UNOFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS IS INFORMALLY DISCUSSING RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS. AKHBAR

CITES AFP DISPATCHES FROM MOSCOW COMMENTING ON ISRAELI GROUP'S SURPRISE AT THEIR WARM RECEPTION IN MOSCOW AND STRESSING SIGNIFICANCE THAT MOSCOW TALKS TAKING PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH GROMYKO-ALLON MEETING. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS ISRAELI GROUP'S MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN RABIN AND FONMIN ALLON BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

4. COMMENT: IMPLICATION IN BOTH STORIES IS THAT SOVIETS, WHO APPEAR IN FOREFRONT OF ATTACKS ON SINAI II ACCORD, ARE THEMSELVES ANXIOUS TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH THE ISRAELIS IN WAKE OF SINAI AGREEMENT.
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